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SUBJ: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. I CALLED ON NEWLY-INSTALLED FOREIGN MNISTER KIMURA TOSHIO JUL 17 AS PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED TO REQUEST AUDIENCE WITH EMPEROR FOR PURPOSE OF PRESENTING MY CREDENTIALS. DESPITE FACT THAT KIMURA HAD BEEN INSTALLED ONLY ON THE PREVIOUS NIGHT, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY KEPT THE SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT PREVIOUSLY MADE WTH FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA.

2. DURING COURSE OF MY CALL, I CONVEYED TO KIMURA IMPORTANCE WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON ATTACHES TO US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP AND VITAL ROLE WHICH HE BELIEVES JAPAN CAN PLAY IN WORLD COMMUNITY. I ALSO CONVEYED CONGRATULATIONS OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ON KIMURA'S DESIGNATION AS FOREIGN MINISTER AND THEIR HOPE TO CONTINUE CLOSE ASSOCIATION WHICH HAD DEVELOPED WITH HIS PREDECESSOR.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER RESPONDED WARMLY AND POSITIVELY, STATING POINTEDLY THAT ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTERS MAY CHANGE THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN JAPAN'S BASIC POLICY OF CLOSE ASSOCIATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE STATED THAT JAPAN IS AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES BUT ALSO OF IMPORTANCE THAT IT PLAY ACTIVE AND POSITIVE ROLE IN WORLD COMMUNITY AND EMPHASIZED HIS HOPE THAT U.S. AND
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JAPAN WOULD

CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY TO THIS END. HE CONVEYED HIS PERSONAL BEST WISHES TO BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY. HE NOTED WITH PLEASURE THE PROMOTION OF AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL WHOM HE VIEWS AS A FRIEND OF JAPAN.

4. KIMURA SEEMED AT EASE IN HIS NEW POSITION AND I FELT THAT HE WAS GENUINELY DISPOSED TOWARD MAINTENANCE OF CONTINUED EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

5. PRESENTATION OF MY CREDENATIALS HAS BEEN SET FOR JULY 19. HODGSON

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